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In re Application of: )  
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Application No.: 10/840,128 )  
) Examiner: Couso, Jose L.  
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For: ENCODING DEVICE AND ) Confirmation No.: 7262  
METHOD, DECODING DEVICE )  
AND METHOD, AND IMAGE )  
INFORMATION PROCESSING )  
SYSTEM AND METHOD )

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37. C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 form. Applicant submits this Information Disclosure Statement together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as required by 37 C.F.R. Section 1.17(p).

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Each document listed in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from the Japanese Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application.

Copies of the listed foreign patent documents are enclosed. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO/SB/08 form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies any of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicant determines that the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status such documents.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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